

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19654

This legislation adds a section to Idaho Code Title 45, Chapter 7 to provide licensed health care professionals, including chiropractors, dentists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and podiatrists, the ability to lien "for the reasonable charges for medical care and treatment rendered an injured person."

The lien authority is limited to treatment for an injury in which there is a legal action, lawsuit, claim, counterclaim or demand accruing to the person to whom the treatment and care was provided.

The legislation includes a subordination clause that will ensure that medical doctors, hospitals and nursing homes maintain their lien right, in first position, no matter when a lien is filed by one of the health care professionals mentioned in this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state.

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